

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested. By this amendment, no narrowing of the claims scope is intended.

Telephone Interview

On January 28, 2004, a telephone interview was conducted between undersigned counsel and Examiner Nguyen. As noted by the Examiner in the Interview Summary Record dated January 30, 2004, there was confusion over the term "overlapping." That term also resulted in the confusion with the specification and other claims. The Examiner interpreted that term to mean that the first and second layers were of different size, so that one layer extended over the other layer. Applicant respectfully submitted that the Examiner's interpretation was unduly narrow.

Applicant has amended claim 26 to replace the term "overlap" with "superimpose" to clarify that the claims don't require that the layers be of differing or the same size. The Examiner indicated that claim 26 would then be allowable, if amended to further incorporate the limitations of claims 29 and 34. In addition, the Examiner requested that claim 35 be amended to avoid any confusion with claim 26.

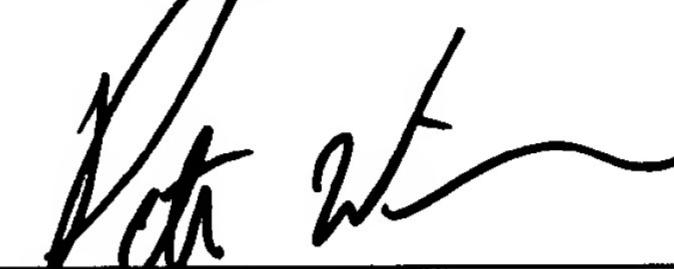
Applicant respectfully submits that the claims have been amended to comply with the Examiner's suggestions. Accordingly, the application should now be in condition for allowance.

In the event there are any questions relating to this Amendment or to the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that the prosecution of this application may be expedited.

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Please charge any shortage or credit any overpayment of fees to BLANK ROME LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (112221.00102). In the event that a petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and in the event that a separate petition does not accompany this response, Applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee due is authorized above.

Respectfully submitted,



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